

The Town of Crested Butte Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Department (“PROST”) enriches the lives of residents and visitors through inclusive year-round recreational programming, conservation and stewardship of vital open spaces and trails, and access to exceptional public park amenities. We value community connection, collaboration, high quality of life, and our valley’s rich natural and cultural heritage.

Lightning Policies and Procedures

Lightning can cause serious injury or death. Crested Butte Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails prioritizes safety of all participants, volunteers, coaches, spectators, and staff. During inclement weather, a coach or member of the PROST department will notify participants and all in attendance, as well as parents/legal guardians (if the affected program is youth oriented) that the lightning policy is in effect.

- 1) If lightning is seen, **clear the field/facility**. If thunder is heard, **clear the field/facility**.
- 2) At the first instance of lightning or thunder, a coach or an employee of the parks and rec department will notify those present that all play is suspended. They will note the time of the last lightning strike or sound of thunder and follow the return to play procedures.
- 3) If lightning is seen or thunder is heard, all those involved or associated with the program will seek shelter immediately.
 - a) Appropriate Locations to Seek Shelter:
 - i) Fully enclosed vehicles with the windows up
 - ii) Fully enclosed buildings (avoid seeking shelter within Pavilions)
 - iii) The lowest ground in the area, away from standing bodies of water
 - b) **Do Not Seek Shelter Within or Near the Following:**
 - i) Outdoor metal structures such as flag poles, sculptures, bleachers, fences and gates, light poles, etc.
 - ii) Vehicles that are not fully enclosed
 - iii) Trees, water, open fields, or high ground
- 4) **Return to Play:**
 - a) 30 minutes must pass from the time of the last visible lightning and/or audible thunder before resuming programs.
 - b) If weather remains inclement, then it may become necessary to postpone or cancel the program. Change notifications will be the responsibility of the coach or the PROST Department.



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